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SUBJ: 60TH ECOSOC--DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM

1. SUMMARY. IN SECT DOCUMENT E/5759/ADD.1) RECEIVED BY USUN THIS MORNING, APRIL 19, THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT THE DECADE, MAKES TWO STATEMENTS RE ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE US. THIS DOCUMENT, AND OTHERS ON THE DECAE, ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21. MISSION REQUESTS DEPT GUIDANCE ON APPROPRIATE REACTION TO CUBAN STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SECT THIS MORNING ISSUED DOCUMENT E/5759/ADD.1, WHICH CONTAINS REPORTS BY 13 COUNTRIES ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THEM TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THE REPLIES OF THE FIRST 26 GOVERNMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN E/5759. THIS LATEST DOCUMENT INCLUDES THE CUBAN REPORT AND CONTAINS REFERENCES TO THE US.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT US WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING

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IN THE VOTE OR CONSENSUS ACTION WHICH TAKES NOTE OF AND

ACCEPTS THESE DOCUMENTS, MISSION REQUESTS DEPT COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE ON APPROPRIATE REACTION TO THESE STATEMENTS. RELEVANT PORTIONS OF TEXT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PARA 104. THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA REPORTS THAT IT HAS PROMOTED REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE. SUCH ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO, HELD AT HAVANA FROM 5-7 SEPTEMBER 1975.

PARA 116. "THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA STATES THAT IT WISHES TO PUT FORWARD THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE:

"(A) STUDY OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND OTHER FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN SUPPORT OF APARTHEID, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND ZIONISM;

"(B) IMPLEMENTATION OF A CO-ORDINATED STRATEGY OF ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS;"

COMMENT. USUN BELIEVES REFERENCE TO CUBAN REPORT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE IN US POLICY STATEMENT ON NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE. MISSION IS INCLINED TO RESPONSE BY MEANS OF SEPARATE SHORT STATEMENT DELIVERED LATER IN THE DEBATE AND NOTING OBJECTIONS TO THESE PARAS. ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE WOULD BE ISSUANCE OF PRESS STATEMENT.

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